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DISTRICT MONEY

The Appropriation Bill Discussed in the House.

Mr. De Armond Opposes the Government Paying One-Half.

As stated in yesterday's Star, the House late in the afternoon proceeded to the consideration of the District appropriation bill. Mr. Compton explained the bill briefly, and after having the report read yielded to Mr. Henderson of Iowa. Mr. Henderson said: Mr. Chairman, this bill, in my opinion, does not come up to the necessities of the District of Columbia. As I shall endeavor to show, the District is made to feel the general policy of the administration in what might be termed "bearing the market." At a time when the government ought to sources it is "cramping" at various points where it should not, and without reason.

figures in connection with the District. The estimated receipts for the District for the next fiscal year, the year for which we are appropriating, this estimate being based upon the knowledge of the Commissioners with reference to taxation, etc., are \$3,464,-740.51. As the government pays one-half of these District appropriations, twice that amount would be \$6,929,481.02. The latter sum, then, may be stated as the revenues

of the District for the next fiscal year. The amount that the Commissioners estimated as being needed for the District is \$6,701,079.23, leaving a surplus revenue of \$228,401.79, that being the amount less than the revenues which they ask to be appro-This bill carries an appropriation of \$4,-927,194.97. This amount is \$1,773,884.26 less than the amount asked for by the Commis-

sioners in their estimates, based on the necessities of the District; and it is \$221,-442 less than the amount appropriated for ing necessities and expanding population we find this cut of \$221,000 in round rum-bers below the appropriations for the cur-

ing that there could be expended today profitably and wisely on the streets of Washington and its suburban cities any-

propriated.
"Now, Mr. Chairman, I come to another and a very important branch of the ap-propriations for the District-a feature of appropriations which wise legislators should never disregard in appropriating for a great city or a small city; and this afteroon we are here rather in the nature of a ing the whole country. Take the matter of sewers-relief sewers, etc. The amount ask-ed for these was \$85,000; the current law gave \$75,000; this bill gives only \$40,000-a

\$45,000 below the amount asked for by the

District government. Need for Sewers. "Coming to main and pipe sewers, the

amount declared by the Commissioners to be needed was \$140,000; the amount appropriated in the law for the current year was \$123,955; we give in this bill but \$75,000-a cut of \$48,955 below the law for the current year, and \$65,000 below the amount which the Commissioners declared to be necessary for the health and other interests of the District. Now, we come to suburban ers; and I want to call the attention of this committee to the fact that outside of the old boundaries of the city of Washington, there is rapidly growing up another city of Washington, which may be called the suburban city, contributing liberally in the form of taxation, and furnishing beautiful homes for the people and an overflow region for those who are not able to occupy the more expensive homes in the central part of Washington. The amount asked for these suburban sewers was \$100,000; the amount given by the current law was \$52,255; in this bill they receive only \$20,000-a 'cut' below the present law of \$62,255, and a cut of \$80,000 below the estimates. The total asked for for sewers, inside and outside the boundary, those great health preservers of was \$383,000. The amount allowed \$199,500, or nearly \$200,000, in round num-

School Houses Needed. "Now, I beg the attention of the commit-

tee to the subject of schools. This city is suffering from overcrowded school houses, and it needs a continual appropriation, year after year, for new school buildings. I think that one need not argue to any body of any kind in this country in favor of standing by the educational institutions of the country. Let us see what we do in this bill, in regard to the education of the young. Here are the new school buildings which the District Commissioners said were

to a few of the leading "cuts" which have been made, so that the committee of the whole may see the general purpose and scope of the bill. Take, for instance, the matter of streets; and I may say in passing that there could be expended today ing the streets of the bill the proper accommodation of the children of this District and for their education. Of all the buildings asked for only one is allowed in this ings asked for only one is allowed in this bill. That is one eight-room building in the Washington and its suburban cities any-where from a million and a half to two million dollars. This amount, I say, could be wisely expended. Now, let us see what the Commissioners ask for; and they as-sured us that they had been guarded and careful in their estimates, appreciating the careful in their estimates, appreciating the myself with referring to these, to show the real spirit and purposes of this country. the Commissioners ask for, and the Commissioners ask for, and the Commissioners ask for, and the Commissioners ask for the in the power of this government to make them sufficient, and make our country more contented and happy at the same time."

Mr. DeArmond's Amendment. Mr. Henderson was followed by Mr. De Armond of Missouri, who called attention to the fact that he had introduced a bill requiring the District to pay all of the expenses of its government, and he offered that bill as an amendment to the pending measure.

Mr. De Armond said: Mr. Chairman, if

Mr. De Armond said: Mr. Chairman, if this amendment were adopted the entire appropriation carried by this bill would be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia. If there are in the bill items which ought to be paid wholly or partially by the United States, naturally in the reformation of the bill they would be stricken out and would be incorporated into some mation of the bill they would be stricken out and would be incorporated into some other bill. I presume the theory upon which the United States is expected to pay one-half of the appropriations for the District of Columbia is that the value of the government property is a unal to half District of Columbia is that the value of the government property is equal to half the entire property valuation of the Dis-trict. This, I think, is not the fact. I am well satisfied it is not the fact; but if it were, my contention is that, as an element

ownership of the building in which we are assembled today that there is for requiring that a state shall pay to the municipality within which its capital is located taxes upon that building; the same reason pre-cisely as for requiring that a county shall pay to the county town taxes upon the court house in which the county business is transacted. The same statement applies to nearly all the government structures within the city-to all, so far as I know. Wherever the government has a building for the purpose of carrying on its operations as a government, for doing the ness of the people, that property upon cor-rect and fundamental principles is exempt from taxation, direct or indirect. Now all the buildings of the government within this city and the grounds upon which they are placed are used by the government as HARRIEN THEATER.

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ownership of this class of property here, the government should contribute also in every one of those states, to the local con munity, on account of its ownership of property there.

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He was interrupted by Mr. Goldzier of Chicago, who asked: "Is it not a fact that by reason of this being the seat of government there are expenses connected in the

municipality that would not exist if it were not the seat of government?" Mr. De Armond-I will come to that ques tion in a moment. To resume, I say that there is precisely the same reason for the government being taxed upon this Capitol building, or the government contributing to the support of the District government here on account of its ownership and occupancy of this Capitol building that there is for the state of New York contributing to the mu-nicipality of Albany on account of its ownership of the capitol building there, or for the United States contributing to the reve nues of the city of Chicago on account of its ownership of the post office building and custom house there. I maintain that these things cannot be properly included as a por-tion of the property upon which taxes or any like contribution should be estimated.

No Reason for Congress to Appropriate Public Money. I pass to another point. So far as the expenditures of this city are those which are general in other cities, so far as they have relation to the uses and needs of the people who live here, so far as they are expenses incurred for the local community and not for the general government-to that extent there is no more reason why Congress should appropriate the public funds for the benefit of the people of Washington city than for the benefit of people of any town or township within the United States. of \$918,206 for the support of public schools. Is there any reason why the government of the United States should pay one-half of the expenses of the public schools of this city? Any that does not exist for the payment by the United States of half of the expenses of the public schools of his expenses of the public schools in any other city, great or small?

The Government's Share. I come now to the suggestion made by my friend from Illinois (Mr. Goldzier). The sugrestion is that on account of this city being the seat of the government of the United States, there may be expenses incurred by the municipality or entailed upon the municipality that are peculiar to this place, that are not thrown upon communities where capitols are not located. To the extent that the city's expenses, whatever they may be, are for the benefit of the United States, the United States should meet them. States, the United States should meet them. Here, Mr. Chairman, in my judgment, we find the true test. Wherever the expenses are for the benefit of the whole country, are entailed upon this city or District by reason of the location of the seat of government here, then the general government should pay. This I concede, Mr. Chairman, in generosity; for I believe in strictness, if you come to analyze it the concession need you come to analyze it, the concession need not be made. The location of the capital in this District may make necessary here ex-penses which would not be necessary if the capital were located somewhere else; but the government has brought to this city.

wealth and importance-has made the city. As to Paving and Sewerage. Mr. Goldzier asked him:

"Suppose in this city, as in other cites of

which I know, paving and sewerage was done by special assessments. Would you consider it just that the United States government, owning so large a share of the ing toward the payment of that expense?"
Mr.De Armond.—"Not at all. That is the
kind of expenditures of which I say the government ought to bear its portion. Now, then, that is the right theory, Mr. Chairman, the one suggested by the gentleman from Illinois. He and I will find, I think, that we are not far apart. That is the theory, in my judgment, upon which this bill should be framed, and upon which we

should legislate. We should by no means assess the District of Columbia taxpayers so that he would have to pay for improvements belorging to the United States, of for the benefit of the people of the United States in the improvement of their proper ty. Will anybody say that the schools and other institutions of Washington, such as are common to all cities, should be main-tained, in whole or in part, by his constituents or by mine, simply because Washington is the nation's capital?"

The District Debt. Mr. De Armond in referring to the public

debt of the District said: There hangs over this District of Columbia this funded debt of \$18,570,400, according to the last report of the treasurer of the United States, upon which we are paying half the interest annually, and which we are gradually and steadily wiping out by heavy annual contributions to the sinkling furd. The appropriation in the bill now before us for this particular purpose is over \$1,000,000. It is exactly \$1,213,947.97, one-half of it to come out of the Treasury of the United States to pay the interest on this bonded debt of the District of Columbia, which was created in large part in the palmy days of Boss Shepherd and De

Golyer, and to provide a fund for wiping out the debt entirely."

Mr. Compton..."Does the gentleman un-dertake to say that he would advocate violation of a contract between the govern-ment of the United States and the holders of this debt by a refusal on the part of the government to pay interest on that debt?"
Mr. De Armond.—"No, I do not say that. I say that the government stands as a guarantor for this debt. The government's guarantee is out, and the government ought to see that the debt is paid, and that the interest is paid; but it ought to see that the people who owe the debt pay it, and that those who do not owe it do not pay half of it. There is a provision in the law that the government shall pay annually this accruing interest, and that the amount thus paid shall be credited on the portion which the government contributes to the District of Columbia; clearly implying, clearly saying, I think, that the government merely advances this money, and that there should be credited upon whatever contribution the government ought to make, not half the amount paid, but the total am

account of the interest upon this debt."

The Government Property.

Mr. De Armond, continuing, said: "The property that the government has for commercial use-if it has any; I think it has well satisfied it is not the lact, well satisfied it is not the lact, were, my contention is that, as an element of sovereignty, an essential element of the sovereignty of the nation, its property must not be subject to taxation. To require the government to pay half the appropriations of this District, upon the theory that the government owns half the property in the government owns half the property in the government of taxing the property of the government, the beautiful parks which adorn the city, these streets and made smooth as a floor none-the property that the governm There is just the same reason for taxing the government or of requiring the government to contribute to the expenditures of the District of Columbia on account of its ownership of the building of the buildi parks, the benefits of which accrue to the people of this city and not to the people of the Union at large. And even then the figuring is wrong. Another point, the govern-ment maintains in and around its buildings, parks and grounds an ample force to take care of them, and pays all those expenses, as any gentleman will find on looking through the items contained if the other appropriation bills."

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Mr. Compton suggested that, to make that statement valuable, it ought to be accompanied by a comparative statement of the as-

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